

## **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

### **A. Status of the Claims**

Claims 1 and 11-26 are pending in this application. Claims 12-15 and 19-21 are withdrawn as directed to a nonelected species and claims 1, 11, 16-18 and 22-26 were examined in the November 27, 2007 Office Action. Claim 1 was rejected and claims 11, 16-18 and 22-26 were objected to in that Office Action as depending on rejected claim 1.

### **B. Power of Attorney**

Included herewith is an executed forms PTO/SB/82 - Revocation of Power of Attorney with New Power of Attorney and Change of Correspondence Address, and PTO/SB/96 - Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b), authorizing the USPTO to direct all correspondence in this application to Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP.

### **C. Double Patenting**

Claim 1 is rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,750,009. In response, Applicants submit a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c-d). Withdrawal of the rejection is thus respectfully requested.

## **CONCLUSION**

In light of the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer and the above discussion, applicants respectfully request withdrawal of all rejections, passage of the examined claims 1, 11, 16-18 and 22-26 to allowance, and examination of withdrawn claims 11-15 and 19-21, which all depend from claim 1.

Respectfully submitted,

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